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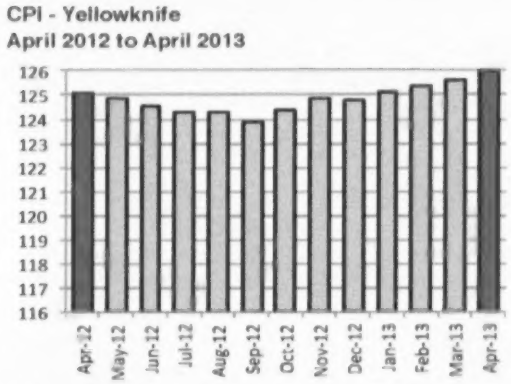
Consumer Price Index – April 2013

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 0.7% from April 2012. By comparison, the annual price increase was 0.4% for Canada, 1.3% for Edmonton and 0.7% for Whitehorse.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

				% Change from		12-Month Average		
	13-Apr	13-Mar	12-Apr	13-Mar	12-Apr	12-May 13-Apr	11-May 12-Apr	% Change
Yellowknife	126.0	125.6	125.1	0.3	0.7	124.8	122.9	1.5
Whitehorse	121.6	121.5	120.7	0.1	0.7	121.4	119.1	1.9
Canada	122.7	122.9	122.2	-0.2	0.4	122.0	120.8	1.0
Edmonton	129.0	128.3	127.4	0.5	1.3	127.7	126.7	0.8



In Yellowknife, of the eight major components, four posted increases in April 2013 compared to April 2012. Prices for health & personal care posted no change. The alcoholic beverages & tobacco products and food components were the main upward contributors to the rise in the CPI, while the recreation, education & reading component was the main downward contributor. The shelter and clothing & footwear components both increased by 0.9%, while transportation declined by 0.4%, as well as household operations & furnishings (-0.2%).

Comparing April 2013 with March 2013, overall prices in Yellowknife increased by 0.3%. Prices rose for most major components over the last month with the exception of food and recreation, education & reading components, both of which posted a decrease of 0.2%. Most notably, prices increased for clothing & footwear (2.0%), household operations & furnishing (0.8%) and transportation (0.7%).

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

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Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	13-Apr	13-Mar	12-Apr	% Change from 13-Mar	% Change from 12-Apr
All Items	126.0	125.6	125.1	0.3	0.7
Food	127.9	128.1	123.8	-0.2	3.3
Food from Stores	126.5	126.8	122.1	-0.2	3.6
Food from Restaurants	131.5	131.4	128.2	0.1	2.6
Shelter	146.4	146.1	145.1	0.2	0.9
Water, Fuel & Electricity	186.8	186.1	183.6	0.4	1.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.9	110.0	111.1	0.8	-0.2
Household Operations	119.7	118.8	118.7	0.8	0.8
Household Furnishings	92.9	92.1	94.8	0.9	-2.0
Clothing & Footwear	102.0	100.0	101.1	2.0	0.9
Clothing	95.8	93.4	96.5	2.6	-0.7
Footwear	94.0	94.4	89.1	-0.4	5.5
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	144.0	140.4	137.5	2.6	4.7
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	109.1	109.1	110.3	-	-1.1
Transportation	120.6	119.8	121.1	0.7	-0.4
Private Transportation	120.5	120.3	120.9	0.2	-0.3
Public Transportation	124.3	121.0	125.2	2.7	-0.7
Health & Personal Care	117.8	117.2	117.8	0.5	-
Health Care	119.1	116.7	118.2	2.1	0.8
Personal Care	117.7	118.6	118.3	-0.8	-0.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	99.3	99.5	100.4	-0.2	-1.1
Recreation	95.9	96.1	97.6	-0.2	-1.7
Education & Reading	119.9	119.9	117.2	-	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.9	158.5	153.3	0.3	3.7
Alcoholic Beverages	145.0	144.4	139.1	0.4	4.2
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	172.5	172.5	168.2	-	2.6
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All-Items Excluding:					
Food	125.6	125.0	125.2	0.5	0.3
Energy	121.1	120.6	120.2	0.4	0.7
Shelter	117.6	117.1	116.8	0.4	0.7
Alcoholic Beverages	125.6	125.1	124.7	0.4	0.7
Tobacco Products	125.1	124.6	124.1	0.4	0.8
Housing (1986 Definition)	135.2	134.6	134.2	0.4	0.7

Note: Additional indexes are available from T-stat and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
Source: Statistics Canada